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Ostby, Byron C.

> MADISON - Byron C. Ostby passed away on April 28, 2003, after a courageous and enjoyable tenure of life at the Don and Marilyn Hospice Center. Byron was born on August 17, 1924, in Superior, Wis. to Bryn and Ingeborg Ostby. On September 8, 1951, he was united in marriage to Helen Barbara Wear, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John B. Wear. Byron and Helen have three children: Signe (Scott) Cook, Woodside, Calif., David (Tera) Ostby, Madison, Wis. and Laurie (Tom) Kehler, Half Moon Bay, Calif. Byron and Helen have five grandchildren, David, Karl and Annie Laurie, children of Signe and Scott Cook. Bryn, son of David and Tera Ostby and John Thomas, son of Laurie and Tom Kehler. Byron graduated in 1942, from Superior Central High School and went to work as a welder in the shipyards at Duluth, Minn. In February of 1943, he enlisted in the United States Navy, receiving and honorable discharge in May of 1946. In the fall of 1946, he enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Byron received his B.S. degree in 1949 and his J.D. degree from the UW Law School in 1951. Following admission to the State Bar of Wisconsin, Byron was admitted to practice before all courts of the State of Wisconsin, U.S. District Court for Western Wisconsin, and the Supreme Court of the United States. In the fall of 1948, while a law student at the UW, Byron was elected as a Republican Assemblyman to the Wisconsin legislature representing Douglas County for the 1949-50 legislative session. He was the youngest member of the legislature when he took the oath of office the first week in January of 1949. In the fall of 1950, he was reelected for a second term. He served on the Education and Judiciary Committee during his terms in office. In 1951, Byron was appointed by Governor Walter Kohler, Jr. to the delegation of Wisconsin Legislators who participated in the re-commissioning of the U.S. Battleship Wisconsin (BB64). In 1988, Byron was appointed by Governor Tommy Thompsons Commission for the second re-commissioning of the USS Wisconsin in October 20-23 in Pascagoula, Miss. In June of 1991, Byron was invited by the Navy League to participate in the final cruise of this great battleship. Byron boarded the ship at New York Harbor on June 11, 1991, and disembarked at Norfolk, VA on June 13th. Byron served as the Field Secretary for the State Medical Society from 1951 until 1954, traveling throughout the state visiting doctors and talking to County Medical Societies about pre-paid medical care. He also worked closely with the State Medical Societys Grievance Committee. In 1954, he entered the private practice of law, joining Hugh Oldenburg for three years, and one year with Laurence W. Hall. In 1958, Byron Ostby joined John Barsness in the firm of Ostby and Barsness. Much of his law practice included lobbying for various clients, including Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Wisconsin Warehousemens Association, Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association, Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association. The Wisconsin Railroad Association retained Byron as their full-time Executive Director in October of 1961, a position he held for 30 years until

retirement. In September of 1971, Byron was honored by the Wisconsin State Journal in the feature article, Know Your Madisionian. Byrons life was always focused on service to the country of Norway. Following in the footsteps of his parents whom were both knighted by the King(s) of Norway, Byron was appointed to the Madison-Oslo Sister City Committee by Mayor Henry Reynolds in 1964 and has been re-appointed by succeeding mayors. On June 13, 1967, Byron was appointed Honorary Consul of Norway for the State of Wisconsin by King Olav V and granted an exequatur by President Lyndon Johnson on November 29, 1967. In 1976, Byron was bestowed the honor of being the third member of the family awarded the Knights Cross First Class, Royal Order of St. Olav. This is a most extraordinary honor in which father, mother and son have all been knighted by Norwegian Kings. As Consul of Norway, Byron and his wife, Helen enjoyed several trips to Norway. Byron was frequently honored by audiences with King Olav, and later King Harald. Mr. and Mrs. Ostby often acted as hosts to Norwegian dignitaries visiting the Madison area, and also hosted exchange visits of the Madison-Oslo Sister City program, arranging for Audiences with King Olav for Mayor Skornicka and other co-travelers. Consul Ostby took delight in presenting Americans of Norwegian ancestry who had brought honor to their Norwegian roots through their distinguished accomplishments in the New World and decorations on behalf of King Olav. In the performance of his duties as Consul, Byron sent over three million dollars to Norway, representing Norwegian heirs in estates probated in Wisconsin. Bryon resigned as Consul of Norway after serving for more than 29 years. Byron was a member of: Commonwealth Lodge 325-Free and Accepted Masons-Scottish Rite (Consistory) & Zor Shrine, Richard L. Borg American Legion Post-Superior, Board of Visitors- University of Wisconsin-Madison (10 years; former chairman), Sigma Chi (social) and Phi Delta Phi Law School Fraternities, Sons of Norway-Idun Lodge-life member, Vesterheim-life member, Dane County Historical Society-life member, Ygdrasil Literary Society-past president, Capitol Hill Club-Washington DC, Downtown Rotary Club, Elks Club 410-Madison, Navy League, Other Other Club-founding member, American Bar Association, State Bar of Wisconsin, Dane County Bar Association, Torske Klubben-charter member, Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison Club, Maple Bluff Country Club-4 years as Director, Nordmanns Forbundet, Venice Yacht Club. Gunderson Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements. A memorial celebration will be held at BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH on Thursday, May 22nd at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to the Bethel Lutheran Church, Vesterheim and the Don & Marilyn HospiceCare Center. Byron will be deeply missed by his loving family and many special friends. Adjo Min Kjaereste.



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September 23, 2003

MEMORANDUM

To: Assembly Chief Clerk

From: Attorney Peter J. Dykman, General Counsel

Re: LRB-3337/1 Byron Ostby

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2 Whereas, Byron C. Ostby was born on August 17, 1924, in Superior, Wisconsin,
3 and died on April 28, 2003, in Madison, Wisconsin; and

4 Whereas, Mr. Ostby was educated in the Superior public schools; and

5 Whereas, he married Helen Barbara Wear on September 8, 1951; and

6 (6) Whereas, Mr. Ostby served his country ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ the U.S. Navy during World War
7 II from 1943 to 1946; and

8 (8) Whereas, ^{Mr. Ostby} ~~Byron~~ enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1946
9 where he received his B.S. degree in 1949 and his J.D. degree in 1951 from the UW
10 Law School; and

11 Whereas, Mr. Ostby was elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 1948
12 (12) representing the first district of Douglas County, and served in the 1949 and 1951
13 sessions; and

14 Whereas, during his tenure in the assembly, he served on the Committee on
15 Education and the Committee on Judiciary; and

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2 delegation of Wisconsin Legislators participating in the 1951 recommissioning of
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6 Second Recommissioning of the USS Wisconsin and invited by the Navy League to
7 participate in the final cruise of this great battleship in 1991; and

8 Whereas, Mr. Ostby was executive director for the Wisconsin Railroad
9 Association from 1961 until his retirement in 1991; now, therefore, it be

10 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the
11 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Byron C. Ostby
12 contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and
13 extend their condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

14 **Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
15 resolution to Mr. Ostby's ^{step} daughters, Laurie Kehler of Half Moon Bay, California,
16 and Signe Cook of Woodside, California, ^{to} and his son, David Ostby of Madison,
17 Wisconsin.

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Whereas, he was bestowed the honor of being the ~~third~~^{3rd} family member awarded the Knights Cross First Class, Royal [✓]Order of St. Olav in 1976; and

Whereas, Mr. Ostby, serving as ~~Consul~~ of Norway, acted as host to Norwegian dignitaries who visited the Madison area^{STET} and hosted exchange visits of the Madison-Oslo Sister City Program; and

Whereas, after serving for more than 29 years as ~~Consul~~ of Norway ²for 29 years,
Mr. Ostby retired from the position; and



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